sures, increase in the cost of maintenance of normal services' payment of Additional D.A. instalments, increase in the outlay for defence, subsidies and interest liability were the main contributing factors for excess in the non-Plan expenditure during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) The total non-Plan revenue expenditure (based on 1984-85 prices) is estimated at Rs. 150,510 crores during the Seventh Plan period.

(d) and (e) A Working Group has been set-up under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to review all on-going activities and organisations of the Central Government and to discontinue those which have outlived their utility.

Review by the Group is continuing

**Breaches of SBI operating in foreign countries**

942. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of the State Bank of India which are at present operating in foreign countries;

(b) whether these branches are running at loss or making profits; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Singapore branch of the State Bank of India incurred a net loss of Rs. 24 crores in 1984; if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government have taken to improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that it is at present operating 24 branches in foreign countries. Information relating to the operational results of these 24 branches of SBI during the year 1985 is not available since the audited profit and loss figures for 1985 are yet to be received.

(c) The risk of some debts going bad is inherent in banking operations. Commercial banks, including public sector banks, make provision every year out of their annual income for meeting their liability towards bad and doubtful debts to the satisfaction of their statutory auditors and write off the debts which are considered by their managements as ultimately unrecoverable out of the provisions so made. SBI has also made provisions for meeting its liability towards bad and doubtful debts including those at the Singapore branch. According to the form of balance-sheet and profit and loss account prescribed under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and according to practices and usages customary amongst bankers, particulars of bad and doubtful debts, for which provision has been made to the satisfaction of their auditors, are not to be disclosed. In view of this, further details, in this regard, cannot be divulged.

The performance of the overseas branches of the public sector banks including SBI is continually reviewed by the Reserve Bank of India. Instructions have already been issued to the banks to strengthen the working of all foreign branches and to close down unremunerative branches, if they are not viable.

**Import of foreign cars**

943. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign cars and their models imported during March to June 1984 and the name of the persons who imported these cars; and

(b) the actual cost price of these cars and the amount of excise duty levied on them by Government, separately?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) (1) 783 import licences/ custom clearance permits were issued to different categories of importers during the period March 1984 to June 1984.

(2) Information in respect of names and addresses of the importers who were issued the licences and their cif value was published in Weekly Bulletins of Import Licences, Export Licences, and Industrial Licences etc., copies of which were supplied to Parliament Library.

(3) On the import of cars custom duty is levied depending on the engine capacity of the vehicle.

**Raids on Industrial Houses and Builders**

944. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were carried out at the premises of large industrial houses and builders in Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Calcutta in January, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any incriminating documents, cash and jewellery were recovered from M/s. Navani Builders, Bombay, M/s. Bajaj Autos, Kirloskar Group of Companies, Pune and Mehra Sons, Delhi; and

(d) if so, what is the total estimate of the haul?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Condition of tourist places**

945. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the places of tourist interest are infested with beggars, persons suffering from leprosy and touts all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a larger number of 'money changers' are working at these places with the connivance of local police and bank officials; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the conditions at the tourist centres?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) As the States and Union Territories' Governments who are responsible for law and order in their territories are concerned in the matter, they have been addressed for information. The information will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

(c) The State Governments have been impressed upon to take necessary action to remove such irritants whereever noticed.

**Mica exports by MITCO**

946. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from the mica traders regarding sharing of orders for mica export by MITCO out of the orders procured by Private Sector which is proving detrimental to the interest of the industry and labour; and